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THE STANDPAT NET.

The average American who reads the news carefully must be aware that the standpatners of the Republican party are spreading a net for President Taft, and that he has already walked part way into it, with the indications strong that he will be fore long stand wholly in harmony with the Aldrich wing.

Senator Aldrich, the standpat leader, has been in the public eye for many years, and both his acts and his habits politically are well known. His record is that of a consistent standpatner. He has never been known to surrender even a small part of the standpat idea in legislation, and there are no records of compromises in which he did not obtain the big end. The same thing is true of Speaker Cannon.

The announcement that Cannon and Aldrich have decided to support the president, and that all will be harmony between the White House and the standpat citadel, does not mean that Cannon and Aldrich have been converted. For one thing, they have consented to the tariff commission plan of the president, but this is all there is in sight in the nature of a concession to the progressives, if it can be called that. The wily standpat leaders know full well that a tariff commission will be at work for many months, and perhaps years, and they know how to arrange details so that the "investigation" will be prolonged. So they will let Taft have his commission and he means to run it. It will be time enough for the standpatners to deal with the commission report after it is made. Meanwhile, the president can have the pleasure of playing to the galleries on the tariff reform question, while legislation dear to the hearts and pocketbooks of the protected interests will go through.

For instance, there is the ship subsidy deal, now openly espoused by the president. Is this one of the things demanded by Aldrich in return for the howl mockery of the tariff commission? Ship subsidies would mean hundreds of millions of dollars in pure graft for a few favorites, and the country has been bitterly opposed to the idea for many years. So strong has this opposition been that other presidents have refused to enforce the plan, and it has remained for Taft to give it his approval. No wonder he is in "harmony" with the standpatners, for the latter have at last obtained the co-operation of the president, and are that much nearer the consummation of a subsidy steal which would rival the tariff itself as a drain on the hard-earned wages of the people.

What else is Taft going to do as a condition of his progress into the standpat net? Is he going to see that Ballinger is whitewashed? Is he going to see to it that the constitution of Arizona is a standpat constitution, and that the senators from the new state are standpatners, before he consents to statehood? Is the "harmony" between the president and Aldrich along these lines? Indications point strongly that way. The standpat act is swallowing the presidential canary, and the necessity of killing the cat will become more imperative as the soft purr of contentment increases in volume.

THE COMMISSION PLAN FOR ARIZONA CITIES.

Mon. Frank DeSousa, of Phoenix, who represented Maricopa county in the last session of the legislature, has been devoting much time recently to the investigation of results of what is known as the commission plan for the government of municipalities. An interview with Mr. DeSousa was sent to the Review yesterday by a special correspondent which shows that the more Mr. DeSousa studies the new plan for municipal government the more he becomes impressed with its virtues.

The commission plan for governing the cities of Arizona was first proposed in Douglas and ex-Mayor W. M. Adamson and City Attorney A. C. Lockwood, with the members of the city council during the administration of Mayor Adamson, prepared and endorsed the original draft of the new charter law, now on the territorial statute which provides for a commission government in Arizona cities. After this original city charter law had been agreed upon by Douglas' mayor and city attorney, it was taken by the latter and submitted to municipal officers in other cities of the territory for approval. Several changes were made at the suggestion of and to satisfy other cities. Phoenix insisted on a provision regarding city schools which resulted fatally to the law, because of its ambiguity and uncertainty.

The new charter law passed the legislature with the very proper provision that it should go into effect in cities whenever it was invoked by a majority at an election to be called for that purpose.

Several cities, including Bisbee, have voted on the new charter and in all it was refused except in the town of Florence. In Bisbee the principal objection urged was to the section giving to the city council control over city schools which, it was argued, might in some way interfere with the present excellent public school system of the territory in cities adopting the new charter law.

This paper is glad that Mr. DeSousa has thus early started an educational campaign in favor of the commission plan of city government.

The commission plan for governing municipalities has proven satisfactory and successful in every city adopting it. Beginning at Galveston, Texas, after the great tidal wave devastation of that city, it has now spread to more than thirty cities of the country. It provides simply for a non-partisan and business method of carrying on the business of a city government. It provides for the election of a mayor and city council, or commission, only. This commission names all officers of the city and supervises and is responsible for every act of every official. This plan puts the management of the business of a city on the same basis that a corporation puts its business when it is placed in the hands of a board of directors. Under the commission plan business qualification is called for rather than political. This is what is needed and what all should desire.

This paper has stood for the commission plan of government of cities in Arizona ever since it was first proposed and we sincerely hope to see the new charter law so amended by the next legislature that it will be accepted by every Arizona municipality.

A CHECK TO RAILROAD FRAUD.

Financial and railroad interests in general have been in the habit of expressing their fixed opposition to the physical valuation of railroads. In a vague sort of way they have seemed to imply that this policy would work both harm and injustice to the corporations. For recommending in its annual report such a change in the law the Interstate Commerce Commission will no doubt be denounced for wantonly disturbing prosperity.

Physical valuation is essential both to the just regulation of rates and to honest capitalization. Such interests as oppose both will naturally protest against it. Yet, as a matter of fact, the railroads frequently offer testimony before the commission as to the physical value of their property in defending their rates. No objection will hold to any corporation earning legitimate dividends. It is the right to swell earnings through excessive rates in order to pay dividends on fraudulent or watered securities that is challenged.

The public has grown weary of such gross inequities, for instance, as have been practiced for many years at its cost in the local field by the Metropolitan company. If any railroad managers imagine that they are indefinitely to enjoy the same kind of il-

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cense in the manipulating of their finances they are hoping against hope.—New York World.

A MONEY DICTATORSHIP.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan's Equitable Life Assurance Society refuses to buy any of the 4 per cent. bonds issued by Dallas County, Texas, because the Texas Legislature has had the audacity to enact an insurance law that is displeasing to Mr. Morgan's company.

Here follows the letter of the Equitable's vice president to the County Judge of Dallas County:

The Hon. John L. Young, County Judge of Dallas County, Dallas, Texas.

My Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter in which, on behalf of Dallas County, you offer for sale county bonds.

I have read with great interest what you say respecting the bonds as well as the financial statement of Dallas County. I have no doubt of the soundness of these securities and their desirability as an investment.

We should be very glad to buy the bonds, but as under the extraordinary laws of Texas, enacted and approved by the present administration of your state, this society, together with nearly all other strong and reputable life insurance companies which had been doing business in Texas, was compelled to retire from the State, we cannot invest in Texas securities nor can we loan money in that State without jeopardy. For this reason we cannot become bidders for the attractive bonds you submitted to us.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. DAY, Vice President.

Commenting on the above the New York World says:

"It is stated in a Dallas dispatch that 'as no Eastern financiers have offered to buy any of the bonds it would seem that all have taken a stand similar to that noted by Mr. Day.

"Let it be observed that there is no doubt of the soundness of these securities, no doubt of their desirability as an investment, no doubt of the excellence of Dallas County's credit. The bonds are boycotted by the New York Money Trust solely because the Texas legislature in the exercise of a sovereign power has enacted laws that are offensive to Mr. Morgan and other insurance companies allied with the Money Trust.

"The World is not defending the Texas insurance code. It may be a very harsh and objectionable statute. We are merely calling attention to this latest method of Wall street finance to coerce states and to punish states that do not govern themselves in accordance with Wall street's wishes. Today it is Texas that is disciplined for its insurance code. Tomorrow county bonds in some other state may be boycotted because of railroad legislation that is offensive to the Money Trust. The next day the United States government may feel the weight of Money Trust displeasure because congress has not been sufficiently considerate of 'vested rights.'

"Among the great insurance companies, banks and trust companies there is now a community of interest the like of which the country has never before known. After Mr. Morgan bought the Equitable from Thomas F. Ryan a Wall street operator was quoted in a financial newspaper as saying that any man might experience much difficulty in borrowing a million dollars in New York, regardless of his security, if Mr. Morgan was unwilling that he should have the money. The Dallas County case may now be cited in evidence.

"This community of interest is not confined to New York. The great Wall street banks and the great insurance companies, through their financial relations and alliances with outside banks reach to nearly every part of the country. More and more they are coming to dictate the terms on which the American people are permitted to do business. Not satisfied with this power, they have begun, as the Dallas case shows, to dictate the terms on which states may govern themselves.

While this section is experiencing some cool weather this winter, has had a fall of snow, and possibly more than the usual amount of chilliness up to this time, the people of southern Arizona little realize how fortunate they are in this respect. There are few cold days to be found in the year in this land of sunshine. There are not many days when there are not some hours when a little siesta in a hammock on sunny porch is not comfortable. This weather has been especially noticeable for the past few days in contrast to the telegraphic reports which come from the east, middle west, north and south. There was the worst blizzard of twenty years which swept over New York, New England, the eastern sea coast, leaving death and devastation in its wake. Yesterday there came reports of low temperature in the north, some as low as forty degrees below zero, and the cold belt extends far south into the Virginias and Georgia with danger of floods from ice gorges on the Ohio and at other spots. The east is in the grip of the ice king while in Arizona golf, hunting, driving and other out of door sports are being freely enjoyed. This section of Arizona is climatically adapted for the ideal winter resort, this is more and more manifest to the observer.

Statehood with a string to it is evidently what the word "immediate" meant in the Republican platform.

Hot air will inflate an airship or a balloon, but it does not build cities.

Ralph Cameron wires that he is 'doing everything in the range of human possibility for statehood.' He promised it or else to retire from public life a year ago.

Shattuck will start the new year right by resuming daily shipments to Douglas. May this mine and the Dunn property become so successful that they will build their own smelter in the near future.

BONUS FOR FAITHFUL EMPLOYEES

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Wall street employe was a man to be envied today. In accordance with a custom which is so old that none can tell when it originated, the exchanges, banks and brokerage firms closed the year with the distribution of rewards to faithful employes.

Some of the banks and trust companies distribute the bonuses the day before Christmas, but the big majority of the firms adhere to the custom of handing out fat envelopes on the last day of the year, enclosing at the same time a little card, telling the recipient the amount of his salary for the coming year.

The year 1909 has been a prosperous one in "the street" and as a consequence the amounts given to employes were unusually large. One firm, it is said, distributed \$50,000 among its employes. None are overlooked by the Wall street Santa Claus. The managers, of course, receive the largest amounts, but all come in for a proportionate share, even the messengers and scrubwomen.

Among the most liberal men to his employes is J. Pierpont Morgan, who never fails to hand a fat envelope to each of his clerical force. Every man and woman on the payroll receives a sum ranging according to length of service from 10 to 25 per cent of his or her annual salary.

ZELAYA A MARTYR IN CENTRAL AMERICA

American Consul Says Newspapers Are Praising Him and Saying "Down With the Yankees."

(By Associated Press.)

MEXICO, Dec. 31.—Dr. Groesbeck Walsh, formerly acting United States consul of Cortato, Nicaragua, passed through today. He said Zelaya is looked upon as a martyr by the people of Central America.

Dr. Walsh said he knew that when Zelaya was in power he had caused to be intercepted consular reports, had misused the press, and in many instances had "rubbed it into" Americans in Nicaragua. He says the papers of Costa Rica in bristling paragraphs say:

"Down with Yankees."
"We must stand together."
"Zelaya a martyr."
He asserted the American consulate of Central America had never been backed up by the state department at Washington, when they gave true reports of the indignities heaped upon Americans, and that Central Americans knowing this take advantage.



Dear Friend:

Prunes, when you stew them are a mighty nice thing to begin breakfast with. Don't you think so? There is lots of difference in the kinds of prunes you get though. If you want to get real nice prunes you must go to a grocery that carries good prunes and other fruits. Prunes are nice and healthy, too. They make a good economical breakfast fruit.

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Aeroplane a Very Useful Addition to the Army.

By Lieutenant FRANK P. LAHM, United States Army Aeronautical Expert.

DEATH dealing blows will not be directed from aeroplanes. Hurling bombs or explosives from the skies at battleships or armies is not what aeroplanes are for. These machines are NOT CONSTRUCTED FOR WEIGHT CARRYING PURPOSES today, and I don't believe they ever will be adapted to that purpose.



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THE AEROPLANE WILL BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE ARMY WHEN A FEW IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE. IT WILL BE USEFUL FOR RECONNOISSANCE PURPOSES.

Even as the machine stands today it is fitted for splendid work on the battlefield. The aeroplane offers a most RELIABLE METHOD OF GETTING INTO COMMUNICATION WITH THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF AN ARMY ON THE FIRING LINE. Suppose a battle line of an army extends twenty miles—and this would be a rather long line—with the general's headquarters about ten miles in the rear of the center of this line. If the general should desire to make a PERSONAL TOUR OF INSPECTION or wish to view the position of his troops he could easily do so by using an aeroplane. The distance he would have to cover would be about forty, or fifty miles, which without the aeroplane might be an impossible feat.

Woman Can Never Be Man's Equal.

By Professor CHARLES HEYDEMANN, English Scientist.

WOMAN IS NOT MAN'S EQUAL. NEVER HAS BEEN AND NEVER WILL BE. SHE IS THE COMPLEMENT OF MAN, BUT THE LESSER ONE, AS EXPRESSED BY THE TERM "MINUS." NO ONE DENIES HER GREAT QUALITIES. BUT IF SHE IS ENTITLED TO THE SYMPATHY OF HUMANITY AS SUCH, SHE IS NOT AND NEVER WILL BE CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING THE DUTIES OF A CITIZEN.

There is a certain class of women of the present day who claim equality with man, and more especially political equality. Now, WOMAN CAN NEVER BE MAN'S EQUAL INTELLECTUALLY, MORALLY OR PHYSICALLY.

In nature there is continual warfare, eternal struggle for life, in which the WEAKER GOES TO THE WALL and the stronger comes out on top. By this I do not only mean the physically stronger or the predominance of brute force, but also the intellectually and morally stronger, who will always rise above the ruck.

And the same law applies in the difference of sexes.

Of course woman is more precocious in her development than man; but, then, so are CHIMPANZEES AND ALL INFERIOR RACES. Woman has also a longer body or trunk compared with the lower members than man, in which she likewise is similar to monkeys and children.

But in the intellectual sphere she not only must remain inferior, but HER INFERIORITY, OR, RATHER, MAN'S SUPERIORITY, MUST INCREASE IF THE RACE IS TO PROGRESS. That is the LAW OF EVOLUTION, which has been proved in countless instances by the greatest scientists of the world.

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